

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
POLICY STATEMENT**

**PRACTICING WITHOUT A PREMISE PERMIT, OR
WITH AN EXPIRED PREMISE PERMIT**

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-12-139(a), any person who owns or operates a premise where a licensed veterinarian practices or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs shall apply for and secure a premise permit from the board prior to providing any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act.

If the owner or operator of a veterinary facility rents, leases, or uses space within the control of a separate, licensed veterinary facility on an ongoing basis, the owner must obtain a separate premise permit prior to providing any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act.

If the owner or operator fails to renew the premise permit, the facility shall be assessed one Type C civil penalty of \$100.00 for each month that the facility engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine beyond the six-month grace period.

If the owner or operator fails to obtain initial licensure, the facility shall be assessed one (1) Type B civil penalty of \$200.00 for each month that the facility engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine without a license. If a facility is owned and/or operated by a licensee(s) in partnership with one or more laypersons, the licensee(s) shall be responsible for the payment of any assessed civil penalties.

**Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on December 1, 2016.
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